

As a charter member of the Bloomington-Normal Sunset Rotary Club in 2001, Arlene Pennie has held a number of offices, including two terms as president and is currently serving as Secretary and Community Service Chair.

On the district level, Arlene has served on several District Conference Planning Committees, District Directory Editor, District Oratory Contest Co-Chair and served as Chair of the Literacy and Education Committee. Since taking the Chairmanship of the Literacy Committee, the District Writing Contest for high school students began. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and is a PHS and Bequest Society member.

Arlene grew up in rural Carlock and has lived in Normal since graduation with a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 1968. She continues to follow the Redbirds in football and basketball. Arlene began her career in teaching, but later worked for the Illinois Reading Council, a professional non-profit organization, for 25 years as the Executive Director before retiring in July 2012.

Arlene is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church where she serves on the Education Committee and sings in the Chancel choir. She is also active in a number of other organizations in the community.

Arlene's husband Larry of 50 years served as District Governor in 2013-14. Arlene will be the first spouse of a PDG in our district to serve as governor and only the third female. She is very familiar with the position as she worked closely with her husband and enjoyed the club visits, the district conferences, zone institutes, international assembly, and Rotary International Conferences.

The Pennies' have two children. Krista lives in Memphis, Tennessee, and Kent and his wife Lisa live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.